

WE CLAIM:

1. A seating arrangement which comprises:
 - a seat base;
 - a seat back extending upwardly from the seat base;
 - a backrest displaceably arranged relative to the seat base between a first, retracted position in which the backrest is substantially in register with the seat base and a second, extended position in which at least a part of the backrest protrudes upwardly beyond a top edge of the seat back; and
 - a displacement mechanism arranged between the seat back and the backrest, the displacement mechanism effecting displacement of the backrest from its first position to its second position.
2. The seating arrangement of claim 1 in which the seat base, the seat back and the backrest each comprise an upholstered frame.
3. The seating arrangement of claim 2 in which at least the seat back frame and the backrest frame are each box frames.
4. The seating arrangement of claim 1 which includes a locking mechanism, the locking mechanism locking the backrest in at least its first position relative to the seat base.
5. The seating arrangement of claim 4 in which the locking mechanism includes an engageable member carried on one of the seat back and the backrest, the other of the seat back and the backrest carrying an engaging member which engages the engageable member when the backrest is in its first position relative to the seat back.
6. The seating arrangement of claim 5 which includes an operating mechanism that operates the engaging member for releasing the engageable member.
7. The seating arrangement of claim 6 in which the operating mechanism is a concealed operating mechanism.
8. The seating arrangement of claim 1 in which the displacement mechanism is a fluid operated displacement mechanism.

9. The seating arrangement of claim 8 in which the fluid operated displacement mechanism is in the form of at least one pneumatic piston/cylinder assembly.
10. The seating arrangement of claim 1 which includes a guide means, the guide means guiding the displacement of the backrest relative to the seat back.
11. The seating arrangement of claim 1 in which the displacement mechanism is a concealed displacement mechanism interposed between the seat back and the backrest, the displacement mechanism permitting reversible displacement of the backrest from its first position to its second position.